

and one C. E., with a membership of one hundred and fifty. Two K. C. societies have died during the year for want of proper care and encouragement. There are two S. S. of C. E. with a membership of twenty six. Also two Ladies' Aid societies enrolling twenty-five members. Some of the congregations where these auxiliaries might be made so available for church and mission purposes absolutely ignore any effort for their support. In the district there are ten Brethren S. S. using Brethren literature, aggregating 600 pupils. There are eight union schools using various kinds of literature. In eight organizations there are no Sunday-schools whatever. This is bad; in every locality where a Brethren family is found there should be an effort to maintain a S. S. The Lord has promised to sustain and bless every faithful worker.

In conclusion, touching my own work during the year, I entered upon it with the beginning of the year and with the exception of three weeks, was in the field till Sept. 15.

Collected during the first quarter,	\$23 45 ;
" " second "	\$28 31 ;
" " third "	\$64 50 ;
" " forth "	\$29 66 ;

all of which has been reported to treasurer of Mission Board. Received during year in drafts from Mission Board, \$75.00. Total amount received during year, \$220 92. The number of miles traveled or the amount of money paid out in R. R. fare, hotel bills, postage, etc., we cannot report as we kept no account after the first quarter. Have preached two hundred and fifteen sermons. Received thirteen into fellowship on letters, twelve by confession and baptism. Have held eleven love feasts among the isolated members of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Installed one minister and three deacons into office and in every way possible labored to build up the cause of Christ in the district. We would recommend the continuance of last year's plans with this additional: That the Mission Board be made a live factor in the work. It is needless to elect a board to go home and sit idly by and expect money to flow into their coffers. Put live men and women on the board, clothe them with authority to go into the organized churches and plead with them in behalf of the work. The secretary in particular should be so instructed by the conference and let the conference see to it that none but such as are interested in the work be placed in position on Mission Board. We do not say that the present Board has not done what it could. It was not instructed to do more. Our secretary has urged by letter from time to time thru the EVANGELIST, but let us say to him in the future go and let us ask God's blessing to go with him. Lastly, we recommend, and we do it in love, that the ministry cultivates more of a devoted, self denying, consecrated spirit. That they look upon the fields around about them, ripe already unto the harvest. Go if remuneration is not in sight and trust the Lord of the harvest, I

will never leave or forsake you " "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age." Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HIXSON, D. E.

#### North Georgetown, Ohio

Brother Welty commenced a short series of meetings here, Sept. 18, closing Sept. 23, with communion. This was indeed a spiritual and pleasant meeting to the Brethren here, as well as to neighbors and friends who came each night to hear the gospel truth declared. One young girl came out confessing Christ and was baptized in the stream near the church. We trust she will be a faithful member in the church and a diligent worker in the Lord's vineyard. We have preaching every two weeks, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sabbath morning. Quarterly meeting October 7, 1899. G. A. R.

#### Johnstown, Pa.

The semi annual love feast and communion of the Somerset Street Brethren church of Johnstown, Pa., will hold Sunday evening, October 22, beginning at 7 o'clock. All the brethren of adjoining churches and isolated members are invited to be with us at the dear Lord's table. E. E. HASKINS, Pastor.

#### Communion Notice

The Lord willing there will be communion services held at the Fairview church, Fayette county, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1899. Preaching on the evening of the 19th, preceding the communion. The usual invitation is extended to all of like faith.

ISAAC ROSS, Pastor.

#### Philadelphia, Pa.

Two more were baptized at Ridgely, Md., since our last report. Brother Cassel filled my pulpit in the city the last Sunday in September and I went to Maryland and preached over Sunday there. Large congregations and interest good.

Brother J. M. Bowman of Harrisonburg, Va., is with us and has organized the best choral society we have ever had here in the city. We now have over forty pupils and others will yet join the class. We expect this class to be of great value to our church. Three years ago he taught three sessions here and two years ago another, and this time we will have decidedly the best we have ever had.

To-night we will begin a meeting in Allentown and will continue for three or four weeks. Brother J. M. Bowman will be with us at least two weeks of this meeting and conduct the song service. We expect to organize a class there to be taught in two weeks, an hour each evening before preaching. Pray for us that the song service and the preaching may be greatly blessed of God. We will give a full report at the close of our revival.

I rejoice with Brother Miller in the prospects of Ashland College. Let us pray the Lord to open the hearts of our people to support our school. Our world wide mis-

sionary society took a pledge of a hundred dollars endowment, the woman's society took \$100 and three other pledges have been given in our church of \$100 each making \$500 in all. Brethren, go thou and do likewise. The college has caused many losses and crosses but it will not be long until we will all see that it has richly paid us all who love the church for the sacrifices that it has cost us. O, how my heart goes out to God for the sunlight of prosperity that is beginning to fall upon it. A few of us will suffer yet for years because of the struggle to save it; but the joy will be the greater when we behold its prosperity. Let us pray daily for the trustees, the faculty and all of its pupils that they may be blessed of God. That the Spirit may be abundantly poured upon them until it may be the means of giving the gospel to thousands who know not Christ.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

#### Ashland College as Seen by a Student

Realizing the fact that the brotherhood has spent several thousands of dollars in the purchase of Ashland College and since it is "ours" in every sense, I take this opportunity of giving a description of our much loved College and its surroundings as they appear to me and perhaps I may be able to induce some of the boys and girls of the brotherhood to enter school here, or at least, start them to thinking about it.

Ashland is about fifty miles south of Cleveland, Ohio, and about sixty-five miles north of Columbus. It contains about four thousand inhabitants, has nicely paved streets, a good water and electric light system, free mail delivery, etc. It contains several factories among which are those of the F. E. Myers & Co's. pump factory, the largest of its kind in the world. The city contains also many very beautiful homes. It is located in a hilly country which contains a large amount of very good timber. Ashland is the longer north and south. The depot is towards the north end of town and our College is at the extreme south end of town on a nice hill which overlooks the city. So far as the beauty of the location is concerned, I have seen but few that equaled it. It is not only a pleasant but a delightful place in which to live.

There is no mistake about our College buildings being beautiful. There they stand; fine large educational buildings, *our* property. The main building contains eight large recitation rooms, a chapel in which chapel exercises and church are held, a society hall in which the Piorean Literary Society meets every Friday evening, a library and study room besides several other rooms that could be pressed into service.

The Boarding Hall can easily accommodate one hundred people.

Two years ago we had no school here on account of financial affairs, but last year brother J. Allen Miller opened the school with fair success as you, who read the EVANGELIST will remember.